



State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
**2011 FORT HUNTER LIGGETT TULE ELK
ARCHERY, MUZZLELOADER, AND GENERAL
SEASON HUNT**
www.dfg.ca.gov



General Information: Congratulations on receiving a tag for the Fort Hunter Liggett Tule Elk Hunt. We hope your hunt will be safe and memorable.

Fort Hunter Liggett has sponsored its tule elk hunt since 1996. Fort Hunter Liggett is a 165,000 acre installation administered by the U.S. Army. Military training is the primary mission of the base, and other activities are subservient to this mission. There are some portions of the base that, although they contain elk, will be closed to all access by order of the commanding officer because of ongoing military training activities and the possibility of unexploded munitions. Obviously, we cannot guarantee where elk will be during the season in relation to these closed areas. Also, there is a possibility that season dates might be changed by the commanding officer because of military training. Visit the above website address for specific zone regulations (hunt zone map, description, and harvest success information can also be viewed at this address). During the muzzleloader hunt elk may only be taken using muzzleloader equipment only, as specified in Section 353 during this hunt period. During the archery hunt elk may only be taken using archery equipment only, as specified in Section 354 during this hunt period.

To participate in the Fort Hunter Liggett Tule Elk Hunt, you must purchase an annual hunting pass available from the Environmental Office at the base. Cost of the annual hunting permit is approximately \$90.00 (subject to change annually). Annual permits are available by mail. Call (831) 386-2677 for information on purchasing permits, or visit the Fort Hunter Liggett web site at www.liggett.army.mil and click on "hunting and fishing link".

All tagholders will be required to attend a MANDATORY hunter orientation, usually given the day before the hunt. Tagholders will receive a letter with information on the time and location of the orientation meeting from Fort Hunter Liggett.

The Department is collecting teeth from animals taken by hunters for age analysis. Successful hunters should follow directions on the tooth envelope (included with this flyer) to remove the two front teeth (and only the two front teeth, please do not send in sections of the jaw) and submit them to the Department. Please do not wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post the age analysis results at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk> for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your hunting license number (from the 2011-2012 license year). Please note that these results may not be available until **December** of the **following** year.

Please remember that all hunters MUST return tag report cards to the Department within one week after the close of the elk season REGARDLESS of whether an elk was taken.

Refer to Section 353 for legal methods of take. **Non-lead ammunition** restrictions are in place as of July 1, 2008 - please check with the base regarding details. Non-lead ammunition (including bullets, sabots, slugs, and shot-shells) is required for all hunting with all firearms types, all calibers, and all gauges.

Care of Meat: Conditions during the elk hunting season can be quite warm. It is critical you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. Elk are large mammals and hold heat which leads to spoilage. Open up the elk as soon as possible including the neck area. You should be prepared to skin and quarter or bone your elk **immediately** after it is tagged. The meat should be hung in flyproof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out. If you are hunting by yourself, you will need, at minimum, four game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful. Be prepared to remove all portions of a harvested animal in a timely fashion to prevent wanton waste, violators will be cited.

Our goal is to assure that you have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. If you need information as you plan for your hunt please contact Mr. Jeff Cann at (831) 649-7194 or Mr. Joe Hobbs, Elk Program Coordinator, at (916) 445-9992. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you have a successful hunt. Good luck!